

FORT MYER MILITARY COMMUNITY RETIREE COUNCIL  
C/O RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICE  
106 Custer Road  
Fort Myer, Virginia 22331-1199

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10 February 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fort Myer Military Community (FMMC) Quarterly Retiree Council Meeting Minutes

1. The Fort Myer Military Community Retiree quarterly council meeting was held on Thursday, 09 February 2006, at Fort Myer, VA. The meeting convened at 1230 hours. The meeting was chaired by COL(R) Frank Cohn. The Council and Residents recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Attendees:

a. Members Present:

COL Cohn, Frank (USA Ret.), Co-Chairperson  
COL Greenfield, Arlene F. (USA Ret.)  
COL Sievers, Ralph (USA Ret.)  
LTC Strauss, George H. (USA Ret.)  
MAJ Johnson, Andrew C. (USA Ret.)  
SGM Mueller, Grace L. (USA Ret.)  
MSG Peterson, Earl A. (USA Ret.)  
MSG Schiebel, David W. (USA Ret.)  
SFC Medly Jr., Walter D. (USA Ret.)  
SFC Wright, Joyce A. (USA Ret.)  
SFC Wright, Luke (USA Ret.)  
Mrs. Murray, Joyce W.  
Mrs. Werth, Hedy

b. Members Absent:

SGM Brown, Robert L. (USA Ret.), Co-Chairperson  
COL Grier, Reginald C. (USA Ret.)  
COL Howell, Leamon E. (USA Ret.)  
LTC Lemlich, Benjamin R. (USA Ret.)  
SFC Morse, Ruby P. (USA Ret.)  
Mrs. Parker, Ronda, Retirement Services Officer  
Mrs. Vance, Evelyn L.

c. Others Present:

COL Allmon, Thomas A., Garrison Commander  
Mr. Metzler, John C., Superintendent ANC  
Mr. Miller, James A., Adjutant General  
Mr. Washington, Kenneth J., Chief, MPD

3. Opening Remarks:

- a. COL Cohn opened the meeting some remarks.
- b. The Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to SGM McCoy, Charles E. (USA Ret.). His wife was also in attendance.

4. Discussion between Mr. Metzler and council members on ANC challenges:

- a. Mr. Metzler was introduced to the Council as the Superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery (ANC). He briefed the Council on the challenges that ANC faces in the scheduling of Full and Standard Honors Services.
  - i. Delays in funeral arrangements are attributed to the increase of deaths of WWII veterans and current operations in the Global War on Terrorism. These delays have amounted into a 2-3 month wait for full honors for retirees.
  - ii. The Fort Myer Caisson provides 2 teams that perform all services in cases of Full Honors. Each team is capable of completing 4 Full Honors missions per day (0900, 1100, 1300 and 1500). To open more dates for the availability of the Caisson teams, Caisson will cease training 3 Tuesdays a month beginning in April. Attempts are being made for both the Army and Navy to coordinate training days to open more available time slots.
  - iii. The timeframe for scheduling honors begins after ANC has been notified and eligibility has been established.
  - iv. Typical time lines for Standard Honors is 7-10 working days. Full Honors and chapel services may add 4-6 weeks each. Cremation/Columbarium adds more flexibility in time frame.
- b. COL Cohn requested that information be made available that teaches the differences between Full and Standard Honors.

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- i. To better inform people of ANC eligibility, the Council has requested that the ANC Burial Guide be distributed at the Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD).
- c. Mr. Washington suggested that ANC information be made available via the Casualty Assistance Center's website. This could apply for all US Army CAC locations.

5. Comments by COL Allmon:

- a. Ideas should be developed to educate the surviving families on the requirements of ANC.
- b. Briefing on the limited access at the Hatfield gate (for DoD decaled vehicles only). Ongoing work with VDOT is underway to provide signs to assist visitors to travel from the Hatfield gate to the Wright gate.
- c. Tenzca Terrace is currently scheduled for tear down in April. The area is slated for a new vehicle search depot which should ease congestion at the Wright gate.
- d. The gate between Henderson Hall and Fort Myer is now open for vehicle travel.
- e. Fort Myer/IMA (Installation Management Agency) will assume management of Henderson Hall as noted in the BRAC.
- f. Introduction of Miss Lambert as the soon-to-be assistant to Mrs. Parker in RSO.
- g. Discussed a possible "Taxi Lane" in the Vehicle Inspection depots to ease the availability of the taxis to our community.

6. COL Cohn Remarks:

- a. Quality and timeliness of services at the ID Facility have improved.
- b. There are insufficient handicap parking spaces available at the Fort Myer Officer's Club as well as at the Commissary.
- c. The new Chair of Communications Committee will be COL Sievers, Ralph (USA Ret.).

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- d. The new Chair of Ceremonies is to be determined.
- e. Would like to attempt a deadline for the Retiree Bulletin articles.

7. Committee Reports:

a. Medical

- i. A meeting was held in regards to the heating problems at the Rader Clinic. Work is underway, but slow due to the age of the facility.
- ii. The Rader Clinic is well underway to being a paperless facility.
- iii. Dr. Kurtz, LTC, is being promoted to COL on 02 March 2006 at 1500 hours. His Change of Command will be scheduled in June.
- iv. The Fort Belvoir Health Care council meeting is on 22 February 2006 at 1000 hours, located at the Barden Education Center.

b. Services:

- i. Concerns were raised over the sales tax charged at the Subway franchise in the Fort Myer Class Six as well as with the kiosk vendors in the PX. Will need to investigate the laws concerning this sales tax.

8. Additional Business:

- a. A request was made to provide the Minutes for the Retiree Council Meeting at an earlier time frame.
- b. Spates Hall will be limited to an occupancy limit of 99 people in November of 2006 due to the sprinkler system in the facility. This should be noted for future RAD events.
- c. Does Spates Hall have their own advisory council or are the activities overseen by the Officer's Club council? Retiree Council wishes to know how Spates schedules their functions.
- d. On 03 March, the Officer's Club Advisory Council is to meet.

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- e. Effective as of 01 January 2006, Mr. Washington, Kenneth J. assumes responsibility of Chief of the Military Personnel Division.
- f. COL Cohn reviewed the minutes from the last council meeting. Feedback is still required on items 3c, e, and f of the 2 February 2006 document. The moved that 3g be amended to convey that the Retiree Council suggested that the Dining Facility be open to Retirees on Memorial and Veterans Day. The chair moved that the minutes be adopted and the motion was carried.

9. Old Business: None

10. New Business: None

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1420 hours. The next meeting time will be determined.

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SGM, USA Retired  
Co-Chairperson, Retiree Council

FRANK COHN  
COLONEL, USA Retired  
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